

Saurokoo. Bulgaria,

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1881

Dear ones at home.

I have a few moments that I can take to write, & so want to tell you a little about how we are progressing here.

William <sup>& Ellie</sup> started July 5<sup>th</sup> with Miss Maltbie<sup>?</sup> for Vienna, & <sup>they</sup> expect to be gone about six weeks. I am taking care of the babies. Mrs Bond is keeping house here, thus making a pleasant change for her, & her family, & making it easy for me to stay at home. If she had not been here I should have taken babies & gone to Mr Lockes. I will go to Constantinople after Ellie & William come home, if I think best, or if I see Mrs Laura Bell there.

I really cannot tell whether you want to see me at home or not. Evidently you care much more for having me stay to take care of Ellie & her children, but after that I am at a loss to know what it is your desire to have me do.

I scarcely know what to write to you about. I have no idea what letters of mine you have received, or how many have been lost on the way. If you would once in a while refer to something I have asked, or said, or mention the date, or in some slight way mention having received or not received a letter, I could tell better what to tell you about.

I hope I will have the favor of a good deal of money from home, for my debt is increasing surely & steadily, though slowly.

I am so sorry to hear that Father has been so ill & hope he is well

or at least much better, by this time. I opened the letter from Mother to Ellie which speaks of my prospects, or rather questions about my prospects for the next year or less, & sent it on to Vienna to Ellie, & will forward any letters that come, (after reading them)

I want to write more but am either too lazy or too something else to send you anything but this scrap of a letter, & beside the babies ought to be put to bed for their naps.

With a great deal of love to all at home, & especially to poor dear Father. Love

Mostly & affectionately  
Caroline

I wrote it & Mary  
have said though  
my thank words  
Please excuse me  
to post my  
imperfectly by.

I got P.C. from Mrs.  
from down. ~~July 9~~  
They were there about  
to leave for ~~Wednesday~~  
on Saturday.

Will send ~~the~~ an  
eye each card of  
the card. The  
traced in post time  
for about twenty hours  
above to give. Come

my for Mary to come home & Ellen to  
wake. I will write you a few words.  
This is the close of the sixth day  
since Ellie left home, & the babies  
here have sick ever since she went.  
Ellen was awake all last night ex-  
cept about an hour, for beside the  
do, she has been having she began  
vomiting, & threw up great pieces  
of cheese as large as the first  
joint of my little finger & as hard  
as bread. Today she has not been  
any better till now, she is having a  
splendid nap, & just before she  
went to sleep she had part of a  
cup of milk & rice water, which  
she kept down. I am so worried

that it seems to me as if I had made a mistake in offering to care for two babies for six weeks.

If ever I get through the rest of the time, I shall feel as if the Lord had truly been with me. I think I never felt so dependent on my heavenly Father as I do during these days. If only I could forget that there are so many, many days before they come home I am sure it would not be so hard for me, but I am so nervous that I have not the power to shake off the fearful responsibility & the fact that I am alone with the babies for such a long time would mean & is a perfect night - more all the time. I feel that it was a bold venture for me to take charge of these two babies during the heat of summer when they are liable to get sick with their settling - any day. My

earnest prayer is that I may have courage & strength to do the Lord's will & have wisdom in the management of these two souls that are thrown upon me in this fearful way. Mrs Bond has been very kind & you must by this time know that she is quite a doctor, & homeopathic too. I am very thankful on the babies account that she is here, or I should have to go to Dr Kingsley, & I do so dislike his mode of doctoring. Mrs Marsh has very kindly taken Mary over to her house for the afternoon, & Mrs B. just now went for her. I had a nap of about two hours this <sup>PM</sup> that is except when I waked up thinking I heard a baby crying. Tuesday noon. The children are a good deal better, or at least Eliza is better, but Mary has a bad night last night, going through with the

same trouble as Ellen had on Sat.  
night, only not nearly as severe. I  
have had the babies out doors all  
the time they are awake, for the  
days are real pleasant. It seems  
as if my feet would be walked  
off pulling their "car" (as they  
call their cart) some eight or  
ten hours a day. They can't seem  
to be willing to let any one else  
do it but just "at the", & I do  
not try very hard to make them  
for they are too sick. Ellen walked  
a little this AM, & it is almost  
the first time that she has been  
on her feet for four days. Both  
babies want to sleep in their cart  
& are now in bed. I shall be so  
thankful if they have nice long  
naps.

I feel that I owe you an apology  
for the last letter that I sent home.  
I scarcely remember what I said, but  
I know I was decidedly cross when

Dom. July 9.

We reached here safe, tho' 'Exceedingly  
tired & pounded' (from post wagon) 'at  
6 a.m. today Thursday, as we expected, &  
find a boat at 10 a.m. We take boat  
through 1<sup>st</sup> class, for Vienna, all well,  
Dont in sight, How are Frog & Ellw?  
Mr. H. B.'

I am very glad to hear that  
you are getting better, & don't  
say so at the last end of  
my letter because I forgot it  
before, for I am thinking of  
you almost all the time.  
Sincerely Caroline.

Wm. Allen. Baber  
letter.



8-3-81

I have been trying to think if  
there is anything else I could send  
but cannot think some of  
these are personal of obscure,  
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